

# QUEEN ANNE COBBLESTONE

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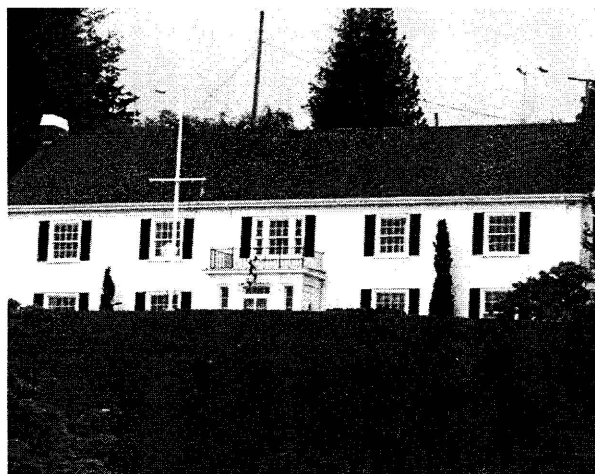
## *Landmarks and Landmarking*

### *Set Your Calendar: May 27, 6:30pm*

The Queen Anne Historical Society's annual meeting on Thursday, May 27th, 6:30 pm-9 pm, will be a joint meeting with the Magnolia Historical Society at the Seattle Church of Christ (formerly Seventh Church of Christ, Scientist), 2555 8th Ave West, on Queen Anne.

The annual meeting will be followed by a program of stories highlighting four historical properties on Queen Anne and Magnolia: The West Point Lighthouse and Admiral's House on Magnolia and the Ankeny House and The Seattle Church of Christ on Queen Anne.

**Mimi Sheridan**, local historian, historical preservationist and plan-



THE ADMIRAL HOUSE, ONE OF 4 STORIES ON THE MAY 27 AGENDA. (PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN HENNES)

ning consultant will present old photos and interesting histories of the properties, their landmarking processes and preservation efforts.

Mimi has worked with the QAHHS the MHS and many other groups to obtain landmark designations for Seattle historic

buildings. She is a real treasure for our two societies. Refreshments and a tour of the historic church building will be available.

Further information may be obtained by calling (206) 438-2740 or email [help@qahistory.org](mailto:help@qahistory.org).

## *Keep Queen Anne Hill history alive!*

Our membership year runs from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. Please note your mailing label. If it reads "2009EXP" this means your membership has not been renewed for 2010 and this is the last Cobblestone you will

receive. Your support is important to us. Please send your renewal today to our PO Box or renew online at [www.qahistory.org](http://www.qahistory.org).

The renewal amount is a scant \$15 for most, \$8 for students and seniors.

Your support goes directly to programs because we are a **100% volunteer organization**.

Call Tara at 206-281-8430 for more information.

### **SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:**

- ◆ Society Annual Meeting  
May 27 ... and Mimi Sheridan, local historian
- ◆ Pacific Science Center  
Nomination Hearing  
June 2
- ◆ Blowing the stack ...  
Kim's Musings

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## *Pacific Science Center Nomination Hearing — June 2nd*

LETTERS OF  
SUPPORT FOR THE  
NOMINATION MAY  
BE SENT VIA EMAIL  
TO: BETH.CHAVE  
@SEATTLE.GOV



**CROWDS ENJOY THE SEATTLE WORLD'S FAIR IN FRONT OF THE U.S. SCIENCE PAVILION (NOW THE PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER) AND THE LANDMARK ARCHES DESIGNED BY LOCAL ARCHITECT MINORU YAMESKI. YAMESKI LATER DESIGNED THE TWIN TOWERS IN NEW YORK CITY. (1962). PHOTO COURTESY NATIONAL ARCHIVES**

ing, or by sending a letter to the Historic Preservation Office for distribution to the Landmarks Preservation Board prior to the meeting.

The nomination packet is available for review online at [www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/landmarks](http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/preservation/landmarks) under the heading of "Current Nominations".

Letters of support for the nomination may be sent via email to: Beth.Chave @seattle.gov or addressed to:

City of Seattle Land-

The nomination for the Pacific Science Center has been accepted for City of Seattle Landmarks Board consideration.

The nomination meeting is

scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 3:30 p.m., in Room 1756 of the Seattle Municipal Tower, 700 5th Ave., Seattle.

Your support may be expressed by public comment at the meet-

marks Preservation Board, PO Box 94649, Seattle, WA 98124.

Please reference: Pacific Science Center, 200 2nd Avenue N., in your letter.

## *Tidbit from the Editor — Cobblestones*

Asphalt will come and go, but cobblestones are forever.

When I was a young boy in Chicago, my father took me on a little expedition to relieve the Windy City of some of its cobblestones. That summer, he completed a small patio in our backyard with those rocks, and Navy Pier ended up a bit shorter than planned.

One of the missions of the Society is to preserve the history of the hill. That's no small task given the ever-fading memories and media that all history depends upon.

Your support will help the Society keep the Hill's history as solid as a cobblestone. If you'd like to donate or help out, please contact any of us, or email me at [mark@qahistory.org](mailto:mark@qahistory.org).

## Picture Perfect Queen Anne

Recently, the Queen Anne Historical Society was happy to contribute to the efforts of Picture Perfect Queen Anne (PPQA) through purchase of a paver for a pathway located in the beautiful new planting beds at the foot of the historic Galer Stairway.

PPQA has named this area the Galer Gateway and the transformation at this intersection over the last couple of years has been remarkable. Improvements have included safer crosswalks, sidewalk repaving, new lighting, trees and plants.

PPQA is a volunteer-powered neighborhood alliance who has been working since 2006 to revitalize the streetscape of Queen Anne Avenue from Galer to McGraw Streets. Their efforts are reminiscent of the early 20th century community

activism promoted by the Queen Anne Club. It's gratifying to see this spirit alive and well on Queen Anne Avenue!

You can learn more about this group at their website:

[www.ppqa.org](http://www.ppqa.org)  
-Leanne Olson

**GALER GATEWAY (PHOTO COURTESY LEANNE OLSON)**



### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

THE MISSION OF THE QUEEN ANNE HISTORICAL SOCIETY IS TO RECORD AND PRESERVE, IN PERMANENT FORM, THE HISTORY OF THE SETTLING OF THE QUEEN ANNE COMMUNITY IN SEATTLE, WA AND TO DEVELOP WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AN APPRECIATION AND CONCERN FOR ITS HISTORICAL SITES.

## At Your Service ...

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*Kim's Musings ... an angry mountain 30 years ago.*

It seems like yesterday when Mount St. Helens, recently awakened, suddenly let loose with a major eruption on 18 May 1980.

One of my co-workers and I drove down to Centralia, but it was so dark and stormy looking at that point, we decided not to continue any farther. What we were looking at was the top of the eruption column, which resembled a large storm cloud.

Later on I was able to get photos of the venting which occurred a couple of years later. I still have those photos, although they were not the best.

This May brings the 30th anniversary of that great eruption. Volcanoes have always had a

fascination to me. This beautiful section of the world, with its water, mountains and volcanoes, forested hills and crags, yet also contains some of the best of the world's inhabited places.

Springs still flow out of Seattle's hills, Queen Anne included. There is one near the Fremont Bridge, one along the west side of Aurora, and the Union Springs, at Fourth Avenue North and Ward Street.

The age-old battle between horsetail ferns and cattails continues unabated on the slopes of Queen Anne. Watercress grew along the verge of Meigs Spring, on the east side

of the Hill, and still percolates today. It is no wonder, then, that rich soil and water are found locally.

Gardens flourish on Queen Anne, so take some time to explore those which are adjacent to the many stairways on the hill, as well as developed areas, such as Parson's Garden, over on West Highland Drive.

This is a rich season on Queen Anne, with wild and domesticated flowers springing up everywhere! Enjoy! Spring is here!

Kim R. Turner



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